

MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2010

Members Present: Dick Travis, Florence Ferguson, Page Shields, Sabrina Rozzell, Sandra Mongold

Others Present: Chuck Collins, (HR Advocate), Eryn Clawson and Heather Newland (Pleasant View, Inc), Marcia DuBois (VAIL), Andrée Gitchell, and Jan Dann (RMH), Mary Ellen Chewning (The Arc), Judy Otto (C.J. Designs), Christy Collins (CC & Associates), Kathy Nelson and Barbara Wilson (HRCSB).

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm, following the tour of Rockingham Memorial Hospital's new Behavioral Health Unit.

Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2010 meeting as mailed was made by Page Shields and approved by the committee with one minor change; the spelling of The ARC to The Arc.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Florence Ferguson and approved by the committee members for Richard Travis to continue as chair, Page Shields to take on the role of vice chair and for Sandra Mongold to continue as secretary.

Dick Travis put out a call to affiliates and members to begin considering eligible candidates for replacements for his and Florence Ferguson's committee memberships, as their terms will expire 06/30/11 and they are not eligible for reappointment. Interviews for the membership slots will take place in the Spring of 2011.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB: Kathy Nelson reported that the HRCSB provides an array of services to adults and children with mental health, intellectual disability, and/or substance use concerns. The agency currently has an active caseload of around 1950 cases. A managerial change occurred in the past year with Holly Albrite now serving as the Director of Administrative Services. A new director position, Director of Acute Services, is currently being recruited as the agency prepares to add a Crisis Stabilization Program in the next fiscal year. HRCSB provides Human Rights training to all new staff and student interns through a PowerPoint orientation and quiz, additional information is provided at a group orientation session within the first month of employment. Annual training and competency test is given to all staff. Chuck Collins provided this year's training on November 20th. Eight human rights issues from the past year were reviewed.

C.C. & Associates: Christy Collins provided the annual report. C.C. & Associates provides in home services and community based day support for adults in both the Mental Retardation and Developmentally Disabled Waivers. The program currently serves 16 individuals in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area. Human Rights training takes place upon hire and at least once per year. Competency of human rights is substantiated with a written test. No management or program changes reported for the past year. Eight informal peer-to-peer human rights' issues were reviewed.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins thanked RMH for the tour of their new facility. Chuck reported that the State continues to address the current budget deficit in many departments by not filling positions as positions are vacated. As a result, Advocates are covering more programs. Chuck Collins and Mark Seymour currently handle the Region 1 area, which currently has eleven Local Human Rights Committees. An additional committee is in the process of being formed in the Charlottesville area increasing the total to twelve.

OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS

Marica Dubois of VAIL reported that she is leaving VAIL and has plans to move to the Richmond area to continue her work in disability services. She reported that VAIL's current individuals receiving services in their licensed program will be moving to other services and that VAIL will not be renewing their license with the state and therefore will not be continuing their affiliation with the HRLHRC. She also mentioned that this may open the possibility for a someone affiliated with VAIL to serve as an LHRC committee member in the future.

Kathy Nelson of HRCSB reminded affiliates of their annual dues.

Andrée Gitchell of RMH shared that Jane Pirooz is their RMH liaison to the community and is available for speaking engagements.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2010 at 2:00 pm. It will be held at Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Service Board's McNulty Center for Children and Families located at 463 East Washington Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Mongold
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary